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MBA Careers Service

Birmingham Business School understands the importance of undertaking an MBA Business programme for your career development. Finding the right employment afterwards will clearly be an important objective and our primary aim is to help you do so.

'Careers in Business'

The Careers in Business team and experienced consultants, located in University House, provide a specialist careers support service for the exclusive use of postgraduate students in the Business School.

Their role is to support your career development in a number of ways:

- Advice and guidance, provided by professionally qualified Careers Advisors, who offer individual consultations,
- Career Development lectures and workshops and a Career Management skills programme;
- Employer liaison, bringing in a variety of organisations to give presentations
- Offer vacancies for full-time work and dissertation projects and deliver skills sessions and mock interviews.

Personal skills

Personal skills, in addition to academic qualifications, are increasingly valued by employers. As part of your MBA Programme, you will undertake the Developing Leadership Practice module designed to enhance your leadership, teamwork and communication skills.

In addition, you will have the opportunity to attend skills workshops on topics such as time management, networking and presentation skills.

Careers Activities

During your MBA study, you will be invited to participate in a number of activities to support your career aspirations and enhance your job seeking skills. At the start of the programme, you will meet with a Careers Consultant to discuss your career plans and the job search support that you might need. You can book individual appointments to discuss your job search strategy, review your CV, Linkedin profile or application forms, and practice your interview skills.

Examples of other activities: +

Semester 1

- Careers Induction – meet your consultants
- MBA online profile briefing
- Careers in Consulting and Careers in Investment Banking events
- Networking through Linkedin workshop

Semester 2

- Mock Assessment Centre
- Personal Branding Workshop
- Sector Interest Group meetings
- Careers in Marketing event
- Consulting Challenge

Semester 3

- Intensive job search
- Video recorded interview practice

MBA graduate careers - what our MBA graduates go on to do

For many who join us, the Birmingham MBA is a major step towards developing an international or strategic focus within their careers.

A number of our graduates accelerate their careers with existing employers, taking on greater responsibility and promoted roles. Others seek new opportunities or career directions with different employers. Some go on to successfully start their own businesses, either individually or with other MBAs they meet on the programme.

Major directions include:

- Finance/Banking/Accounting (e.g. Deutsche Bank, Barclays, PwC, Barclays, KPMG, Kotak Mahindra Bank)
- Consulting (e.g. Accenture, Infosys Consulting, Wipro Consulting, Enzen Global Solutions, PMMS Consulting Group)
- Technology/Telecoms (e.g. IBM, China Telecom, Ericsson, Adobe Systems, Oracle, BT)
- Pharmaceutical/Healthcare (e.g. GE Healthcare, NHS, Aurora Biomed, Rescon Partners, HCP)
- FMCG/Consumer Goods/Retail (e.g. Nestle, Danone, Reckitt Benckiser, Panasonic, Japan Tobacco)

As well as positions in the energy sector, government bodies, not-for-profit organisations, media, transport and logistics.

Entrepreneurship & Innovation Centre

Many students will have their own business idea that they would like to develop and we can provide support for this. Our Entrepreneurship & Innovation Centre gives practical support for embryo businesses.

The Centre provides professional office and meeting (incubator) space and one-to-one expert guidance and advice. Access to the Business School network (industrial links, partners, advisers/mentors, alumni and other students) is available, as are networking events, work space, skills programmes, funding, and, where possible, access to the media.

The Centre also runs a Postgraduate Enterprise Summer School, which MBAs are encouraged to attend, designed to prepare you to:

- Develop a business idea from the concept stage to a fully fledged business proposition
- Know the steps required to set up their own business
- Be aware of the requirements to commercialise research in an academic environment.
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Identify which role they are best suited to in a business team

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